

SPORTS

BASEBALL WRITERS WILL CONTINUE TO 'RIDE' N. Y. LEADER

FOUR REPUTABLE NEWSPAPER
MEN DEEPLY WRONGED WHEN
M'GRAW CHARGED THEM WITH
WRITING "SCURRILOUS AR-
TICLES."

John J. McGraw has taken a leap out of the frying pan into the fire. The manager of the Giants, who apparently cleared himself with the National league recently, is in about as tight a little fix as he has been during his entire career. McGraw's attempt to clear himself by passing the buck to the correspondents traveling with the Giants is making no great hit with the members of the fourth estate who write baseball throughout the country. In a sweeping repudiation McGraw branded all alleged interviews in which he was supposed to have attacked Tener, the National league and its umpires as "scurrilous articles." That may have cleared John J. with Tener, but perhaps this time McGraw has bitten off more than he can chew.

That McGraw now feels he wronged the four reputable newspaper men, Sam Crane, dean of the New York baseball writers; Sid Mercer, Frank Graham and J. P. Slinott, to whom he gave the interviews which have caused such a stir in the baseball world, is evident from a statement issued in Boston to one of those branded as a falsifier of news.

McGraw's statement proves the contention of New York baseball writers that the "alleged" interviews were correctly quoted. The statement further proves that McGraw branded the newspaper men as liars to save further trouble in the National league. His statement, given to a well known newspaper man, follows:

"I had no desire or intention to go back on the New York newspaper men. I thought I was doing the best for all hands when I was advised to sign the statement to the directors, for I was told by my friends that President Tener had decided to file libel suits against several newspapers unless I repudiated certain interviews accredited to me.

"The pressure brought to bear on me was that I would cause a great injury to the National league, the New York club and baseball unless I made a statement satisfactory to the board. I made strong objection to certain wording of the document and gained my point by having less pointed words inserted instead.

"President Hempstead, my employer, begged me to end the controversy for good and all, and I listened to his advice. I think my action will in time be proved to be for the best interests of all concerned, although I acknowledge the settlement was not entirely satisfactory to me."

Newspapers of New York do not propose to pass so lightly over the manner which McGraw has chosen to extricate himself from the perils into which statements credited to him in interviews had thrown him.

An informal discussion held by the New York chapter of the Baseball Writers' association developed the facts that action would be delayed until the writers traveling with the Giants returned home. As soon as they arrive they will be asked to sign affidavits setting forth just exactly the authority given them for writing interviews sent to their respective papers.

These are to be turned over to the National league, with the demand that the league take the matter up and call for a full hearing of the facts in the case. It is even hinted that in the event the National league fails to take action suit for damages will be filed by one or more writers and the matter taken into court, where a thorough airing of the muss will be forced, so that the writers of "scurrilous articles" will be put right before the public.

SHANNON A REAL FIND.

New Haven Team Got Him From Boston Braves Early Last Season. Manager Danny Murphy of the New Haven baseball team believes he has unearthed a real star in Joe Shannon, the nineteen-year-old center fielder of the Marlinas.

Shannon was secured from the Boston Braves early last season, along with his brother Maurice, who is now pasturing with Baltimore of the International league. They jumped the club in midseason last year and were suspended. This season, however, Joe returned in good shape and got off to a fine start. Manager Murphy believes that he will be a fit candidate for a trial under the big tent if he keeps up his good work.

Can Play Ball on Sunday.

Chattanooga has won the right to play Sunday ball, just as every other city of importance in the south except Atlanta and Birmingham has. In the injunction suit brought to restrain the Chattanooga club from playing Sunday games Chancellor Garvin dismissed the case, holding that playing ball on Sunday in Tennessee is not in violation of any law.

SCOOP

ABOUT DE KALB.

Friend Pep:
Can you kindly tell me what De Kalb, Illinois, is noted for, and why it attracts Ottawa youths?

Badger Club.

De Kalb is known for the fine Normal school, and has a particular attraction in the summer months, when teachers are attending school there. Pep.

SOME SONG.

The other day at a La Salle theatre, the pianist started to play, that famous little ditty, "HOW DRY I AM." Some of the people, apparently thought it was the National Anthem, for they stood up and still others marched out, to convince the pianist that he was right, and when a man next to me went out and came back with his breath smelling of peppermint, I was wondering if there was refreshment stand outside, but he told me that he thought it was raining and went out to put the top on his machine. How he got the peppermint breath is one of life's eternal triangles.

LONGING.

Sometimes I wish I could go
Along the paths I used to know;
Could go back there and find some kid
Ang go along the roads I did
When I had not a single care,
And all life's skies were bright and fair
And birds sung in the wayside trees
And all the world seemed made for me.

That's what I think I'd love to do—
Go find a little tad I knew
Away back there, and we would go
Where water lilies used to grow,
And bend a pin and fix a line,
Me and this old chum of mine;
And sit until the light grew dim
Where little sunfish used to swim.

Those were the days when bullheads
bit
And sunfish—life seemed to fit
Us like a garment, and we slid,
Myself and that remembered kid,
From joy to another. So
Sometimes I wish that I might go
And look about and find that tad
And be with him once more, and be glad.
—Judd M. Lewis, in Houston Post.

STANDING OF CLUBS

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

	W	L	Pct.
Boston	50	39	.563
Chicago	51	31	.622
Cleveland	45	40	.529
New York	41	37	.526
Detroit	41	39	.513
Washington	33	45	.425
Philadelphia	29	47	.382
St. Louis	31	52	.373

Games Today.

Washington at Chicago, two games.
Philadelphia at Detroit.
Boston at St. Louis.

Yesterday's Results.

Washington, 6; Chicago, 5.
New York, 4-3; Cleveland, 0-2.
Detroit, 7; Philadelphia, 2.
Boston, 4-6; St. Louis, 2-3.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

	W	L	Pct.
New York	47	26	.644
Philadelphia	39	32	.549
St. Louis	43	37	.538
Cincinnati	40	41	.512
Chicago	43	40	.518
Brooklyn	36	38	.486
Boston	29	42	.411
Pittsburgh	24	51	.320

Games Today.

Chicago at New York, rain.
No other games scheduled.
Games Today.
Chicago at New York.
Pittsburgh at Boston.
Cincinnati at Philadelphia.
St. Louis at Brooklyn.

GUARDSMAN KILLS E. ST. LOUIS BOY

East St. Louis, Ill., July 16.—John Eisenger, aged 17, died Sunday in St. Mary's Hospital from the effects of a bayonet wound inflicted Saturday night by Private John McCafferty of Company I, Second Infantry, Illinois National Guard. The wound severed an artery.

McCafferty is held at the police station. He is 23 years old and lives at 710 Winchester avenue, Chicago.

At an inquiry by military authorities McCafferty testified that he and Private Eugene Paradise, also of Chicago, met Eisenger and another boy, McCafferty said that Eisenger was

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN

By GENE BYRNES



PLAYING THE FIELD

By Jack Veiock.

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By Jack Veiock,
International News Sports Editor.
New York, July 14.—The good old family trees of the Smiths and the Joneses have been pretty well represented in baseball for a number of years. But neither the Smiths nor the Joneses have ever been able to claim the distinction of having three sprouts from their family trees in the major league spotlight at one time, such as the family Burns claims today.

Three major league stars who are in the midst of their baseball careers represent the old Scotch family. They are George J. Burns, Giant outfielder; George Burns, first baseman of the Detroit Tigers. Every one of this trio is a star, and unless the war claims one or all of them, or injuries interfere with their baseball activities the Burns trio will be good for some years to come in the big show.

George Burns, of the Giants, has often been rated as the greatest all-around outfielder in the National league, and of the three he is perhaps the most valuable player. So far this year his fielding and throwing have been superb, and he is keeping in the race for batting honors. Hughie Jennings recently declared that all of the stars in the Giant constellation Burns stands out as the brightest, and this, coming from the famous Tiger manager, is some tribute.

First baseman Burns, of the Tigers, is serving his fourth full season as a member of the Detroit club. Although he is seldom ranked as an equal of Hal Chase in the art of cavorting around the initial station, he is a ball player any big league club would be glad to grab and he is only twenty-four years old. Each year his work with the Detroit club shows marked improvement, for his fielding becomes more polished and he can hammer the ball around a 250 clip season in and season out.

Eddie Burns, second catcher with the Phillies, is now in his fourth full season as a member of the Quaker-town club, and although an injury early in the season kept him back, he is considered one of the most valuable players on Pat Moran's team. Eddie is glutton for work and if it

wasn't for the fact that Moran has a star in Bill Killifer, Eddie would get all and perhaps more work than he could handle. The Philly backstop isn't as heavy a stick as the other two representatives of the Burns family, but he makes up for it in every other way. You've gotta hand the Burns family a little credit. It has helped to do its bit for the grand of game.

"Them" is All Het Up.
"Them" Langford, who was recently knocked out by Fred Fulton in a Boston ring, is all het up and wants a chance to meet Fulton again. "Them" claims that he was not in shape when he crawled through the ropes at the Hub to trade wallpits with Fulton, and he says he is willing to bet his end that he can stop the big plasterer in a fewer number of rounds than Fulton stopped him.

Whether or not Langford can beat Fulton when in condition, and the fact remains that there is talk in some quarters to the effect that the Fulton-Langford bout was not exactly a model in matchmaking, nor a monument to clean sportsmanship by a long shot.

It is whispered on pretty good authority that the Langford-Fulton bout was "arranged" to benefit the plans of the heavyweight syndicate which has control of a majority of the big follows now engaged in the game. This all happened before Jess Willard tied the can to his managers, Jones and Curley, and purchased the circus which was ready to dispense with his services as a sideshow attraction. The heavyweight trust, it is said, figured that the time was getting mighty ripe to pull off an early battle for the elephantine sky-pieces and Fulton, despite his disappointing bout with Carl Morris, was the bucko selected as the mark for Willard.

It looked fine in print, did that Fulton knockout over Langford, but the actual battle was something else again. If we are to believe some of the good folk who were within eye-shot of the ring, it is tough to think that perhaps the nicely laid plans of the heavyweight trust have been all mused up by Willard's action—tough on the heavyweight trust.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT TODAY.

The Yankees. They won a double-header which is the eighth wonder of the world.

Having been traded to St. Louis, Lee Magee can now start at the bottom and work up.

Eddie Foster knocked the White Sox out of first place with a triple in the ninth.

Foster is not the only one who is knocking the White Sox.

The Red Sox have cracked. They are unable to do any better than lead the league. Two games taken from the Browns Sunday was just like taking candy from an infant.

Owens Rosh batted in Ty. Cobb form and the Tigers walloped the Athletics. Babe Ruth held the Browns to five hits and made three himself off Allan Sotherton.

The Giants are 95 points ahead of the National League, which is like being two jumps ahead of a mule.

Mention Cincinnati to John McGraw and run like everything.

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WARDENS NOTIFIED THAT SERVICES ARE NO LONGER NEEDED

LOWDEN PET REORGANIZATION
BILL PUTS MANY GAME WAR-
DENS OUT OF AUTHORITY—
—CIVIL SERVICE TO DECIDE
APPOINTMENTS.

Springfield, Ill., July 16.—(Special)—Are all Illinois game and fish wardens who held office under the preceding administration legislated out of their positions by the re-organization of the department, or are they protected by the civil service law? This is a question that is perplexing the men who have been on duty.

Ralph Bradford, the new state game and fish commissioner, notified the various wardens their services were not required after July 1, when the re-organization of the department went into effect. Secretary W. R. Robinson of the state civil service board, on the contrary, advises each warden to sit tight and decline to surrender, maintaining that under the law such employees cannot be dropped in such a fashion. It has always been understood that game and fish wardens are protected by civil service. They are required to take the civil service examination before their appointments are approved. If these attaches can be dropped without charges of inefficiency, then, it is argued, there is no further necessity for maintaining the expensive civil service board of the state.

It is expected that Gov. Lowden will finally pass upon the controversy. He is quoted as being in favor of civil service, and it is expected that he will support the board in its position that employees cannot be dismissed unless their services are found to be inefficient after charges have been investigated.

A conference of central Illinois game wardens was held this week, called by Warden S. A. Edwards, of Macon county, to discuss the situation. It was voted to remain on the job and continue to serve, regardless of the ruling of the state commissioner. The game department is now under the control of the agricultural commission, of which Charles Adkins, of Bement, is director and chairman.

SUSPECT A SPANISH STEAMER AIDS U-BOAT

Buenos Aires, July 16.—Giving assistance to German submarines is suspected of the captain of the Spanish steamer Leon XIII, one of the big vessels running between this port and Vigo and calling at Rio de Janeiro.

Passengers have reported that when three days out from Buenos Ayres on the last voyage the captain ordered all passengers to their cabins, with orders to stay there until told to leave. But through the port holes the imprisoned passengers saw a mysterious vessel which had been following the Leon XIII for several hours, draw nearer. After exchanging signals the captain sent to the vessel a large amount of supplies such as could be used by a submarine.

The British admiralty recently announced that a Spanish liner had been ordered into the port of Dakar to unload explosives and apparatus for rarifying the atmosphere, such as is used in submarines. That this liner may have been the Leon XIII appears more probable because of the report made when the ship arrived at Buenos Ayres the last time that she had been stopped by a submarine when two days out from Vigo, but that the submarine had permitted her to continue her journey after examining the ship's papers. Passengers on that occasion said that supplies had been given to the submarine after the submarine commander had been aboard.

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